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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure, the present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants' are submitting copies of the references, or their English language counterparts, cited and discussed in the specification. Please note that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,894,636 and 5,625,924 correspond to EP 787 841. U.S. Patent No. 5,956,811 corresponds to EP 753 610. U.S. Patent No. 4,985,966 corresponds to EP 340 458. U.S. Patent No. 5,355,560 corresponds to EP 565 486. U.S. Patent No. 5,542,154 corresponds to EP 627 507.

A PCT search report on the corresponding PCT application is also submitted for the Examiner's consideration, as well as the references cited in the PCT report. Please note that U.S. Patent No. 6,129,614 corresponds to EP 800 895 cited in the PCT Search Report. Applicants' duty to provide a statement of relevance as to the remaining foreign language references cited in the Search Report is satisfied by the Search Report

indicating the degree of relevance found by the EPO in accordance with 1138 OG 38 of May 19, 1992, and MPEP § 609A(3).


It should be noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,129,614 corresponding to EP 800 895 is not actually prior art to the present application.

It should also be noted that WO 99/16579 is not a prior art reference against the present application. WO `579 published on September 23, 1998. The present application has an effective U.S. filing date under § 363 of September 8, 1999 based on PCT/CH99/00422 and a priority date of September 9, 1998. It should also be noted that WO `579 corresponds to co-pending and commonly owned U.S. application Serial No. 09/509,756. The `756 application is being cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and a copy is being provided for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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